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Docket No. : 37187/DBP/E43

VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
AND REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Respectfully submitted,

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**the specification filed herewith.**

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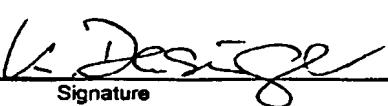
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